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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1774

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MARR, SN, NZ

SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO NAVAL STORES BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT IN  
SINGAPORE

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 1652

(B) SINGAPORE 1406

(C) STATE 097105

1. ACCORDING ROGER PEREN, NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER, MEETINGS  
LAST WEEK BETWEEN GNZ OFFICIALS (FRASER AND ROBERTSON) AND GOS  
DEFENSE OFFICIALS TOUCHED ONLY BRIEFLY ON SUBJECT OF NAVAL  
BASIN. AT NO POINT DID GOS OFFICIALS INDICATE THEIR WILLINGNESS  
PERMIT NZ TO CONTROL AND OPERATE THESE FACILITIES NOR DID NZ  
REPS INDICATE THEIR INTEREST IN DOING SO. PEREN HAD INFORMED  
FRASER AND ROBERTSON OF MESSAGE CONVEYED TO US BY S.R. NATHAN  
TO THE EFFECT GOS AMENDABLE TO PERMITTING GNZ TO OPERATE  
FACILITY (REF B), BUT HE SAID THEY INDICATED TO PEREN THAT  
GNZ IS NOT INTERESTED IN FRONTING FOR USN IN THIS MANNER.  
THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH ROWLING COMMENT TO LEE REPORTED  
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REF A. PEREN SAID ONLY POSSIBLY USEFUL PART OF DISCUSSION ABOUT

BASIN WAS REVIEW OF ANTICIPATED SHIP DAYS OF USAGE WHICH HE THOUGHT MAY HAVE HELPED CONVINCE GOS REPS THAT USAGE RATE WOULD BE RELATIVELY HIGH AND HENCE NEED TO USE AS COMMERCIAL FACILITY WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN EARLIER BELIEVED.

2. I ASKED PEREN WHETHER GNZ ANTICIPATED PULLOUT OF FORCES FROM SINGAPORE WITHIN TWO YEARS AS INDICATED TO US DURING RECENT ANZUS MEETING (REF B). HE SAID THIS WAS BASIC THINKING, BUT PULLOUT NOT LIKELY BE COMPLETE AND CERTAIN SUPPORT PERSONNEL WOULD REMAIN TO HANDLE TRAINING EXERCISES, VISITS, ETC. THIS, HE THOUGHT, COULDN'T COMPASS SMALL UNIT TO HANDLE NAVAL BASIN AND POL FACILITY.

3. PEREN THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY ROWLING WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE IN WASHINGTON, BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF WE RAISED IT WITH HIM AND WITH PM LEE. IN OUR VIEW, THIS IS THE ONLY POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGING THIS PROPOSITION.  
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